--- “Series of 1915” - 10 Cigars - 218 x 15 mm ---

--- *recess printed* BLACK *die proof - without* an imprint - scanned at 70% scale ---

The Budget of 1908 had abolished the distinction between cigars made from *foreign* and *domestic* leaf tobacco with a unified tax of $ 2.00 per pound on cigars, while retaining the extra tax on ‘small size’ packages of less than ten cigars at a rate of $ 3.00 per pound.

In 1914, probably because of the onset of first world war, these rates were raised to $ 3.00 per pound on large packages, and to $ 4.00 per pound on packages of less than ten cigars.

This one-piece die proof, **RG-560 DP**, for the 215 mm. ten cigar “Series of 1915” has been initialled in black ink ‘*A.A. 194* '. These dies were engraved at ABN, New York.

★**RG-560 DP** - 10 Cigars, black die proof - [the design measures 218 x 15 mm.]
the proof, mounted on light cardboard, is inscribed ‘*A.A. 194*’ - the engraver’s initials, plus a work order?

--- the ten Cigar transfer roll, and the Plates, for RG-560 ---

[information from Chris Ryan]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the CBN cigar roll No. G-627, for the “Series of 1915”, ten cigar strip.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1 and 2 for the ten cigar, “Series of 1915”strip. The forty impression plate was probably arranged - 2 by (1 x 20) strips. JBH.

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN die F-203 for the ten cigar strip of the “Series of 1915 ” - the Lee Brandom **RG-560**.

The above memoranda do not specify that the roll, and the plates, listed were for the 215 x 15 mm., or for the 375 x 19 mm. strip. However, they were probably for the 215 mm. strip, as the ten cigar, 375 x 19 mm., strip does not appear to have been used in production, and it is doubtful that a plate was prepared. JBH.

--- “Series of 1915” - 10 Cigars - 215 x 15 mm ---

--- *recess printed* in BLACK ink - *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. *purple controls* - scanned at 70% scale ---

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The catalogue lists this recess printed ten cigar “Series of 1915” black 215 x 15 mm strip as follows:

RG-560 - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm violet controls

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★**RG-560 SP** - 10 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, control number **5860731**, stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel

★**RG-560** - 10 Cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, control number **6309121**, roller cancelled **1-10-D** by Macdonald Tobacco, Montreal

4624725	RG-560	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a box of **The Jap Flor Fina** cigars by “James A. McNee”, London, cancelled EXCISE / **7-24** / CANADA
5579020 ★	RG-560 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Amore Vincit** cigars, by “John McNee”, London [**7-32**]
5598553 ★	RG-560 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Honest Trader** cigars, by “W. D. Jones”, London [**5-24-E**]
5860731 ★	RG-560 SP	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel
6007454 ★	RG-560 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Lucius** cigars, by “L. O. Grothe”, Montreal [**2-10-D**]
6283201 ★	RG-560 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a thin cardboard box of **Dandy** 10 for 25¢ cigars, “Forest, Ltee.”, Montreal.[**3-10-D**]
6309121 ★	RG-560	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered cancelled **?-10-D**

Items noted with a double asterisk (e.g. RG-560 **) are found in the ***box collection***

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